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Office Action Summary

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MCCUE ET AL.

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John M. Petruncio

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 and 18-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 and 18-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: The sentence structure of the specification at p. 8, lines 5-8 is questioned. .

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-15 and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Pat. 6,221,823. to Crisanti et al.

The Crisanti et al '823 reference discloses a germicidal acidic hard surface cleaning composition which can comprise acids (col.3, line 5 et seq) including citric, sorbic, acetic, boric, formic, maleic, adipic, lactic and glycolic used singly or in conjunction with one another (col. 3, lines 25-27) such as citric and lactic (see Table I, Exs 5-7 and 17-18) in combination with a solvent including dipropylene glycol n-propyl ether, construed as a "water miscible glycol ether" (col. 4, line 24) or ethanol (col. 4, line 49) in a mixture (col. 3, line 66). This reference further discloses inclusion in the acidic composition, having a preferred pH of 3 (col. 9, line 25), of an anionic surfactant including a sulfonate (col. 5, line 35 et seq) and a nonionic surfactant (col. 6, line 53 et seq)..

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 16 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Crisanti et al '823 reference for the reasons above and that which follows.

This reference does not appear to state the exclusion of specific compounds such as certain quats as called for by claim 16. However the Crisanti et al '823

reference does teach that while preservatives may be added in minor amounts, these preservatives do not include a disinfectant component (col. 8, line 45 et seq).

Accordingly. At the time of the invention, one skilled in the art having the benefit of the Crisanti et al '823 references teaching would have been motivated to exclude antimicrobials as called for by claim 16 as the Crisanti et al '823 formulations per se had antimicrobial efficacy as they were found effective against gram positive *Staphylococcus aureus* and gram negative *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (col. 18, line 45 et seq) and Crisanti et al specifically taught the exclusion of known disinfectants.

The Crisanti et al '823 reference also does not appear to define the claimed composition in terms of a log reduction protocol against one or more of *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* inter alia as called for by claim 20. However, at the time of the invention, one skilled in the art having the benefit of Crisanti et al's teaching of the antimicrobial efficacy of the same or similar formulations as to these same organisms as taught by this reference would recognize that the composition as defined by claim 20 is the same or similar as taught by the Crisanti et al '423 reference notwithstanding the alternative description of antimicrobial efficacy as to the identical bacteria.

No claim stands allowed.

Conclusion


The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John M. Petruncio whose telephone number is 571-272-1323. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:30Am-7:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas McGinty can be reached on 571-272-1029. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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